THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (g) We have taken up the Programme of Universal Immunisation during 1985-86 in 30 districts at least one from each major State, covering a population of 665.66 lakhs. Another 60 districts are proposed to be taken up in 1986-87. The States were requested to suggest the names of the districts to be taken up in order of priority. They were, however, advised to keep in view operational feasibility of attaining high levels of immunisation coverage and sustaining such levels subsequently while selecting the districts. The required information has been received from all the States.

Commercial building of Roads

1111. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for evolving comprehensive economically viable package of incentive in order to facilitate the commercial building of roads, highways and expressways by private sector;

(b) whether Government are considering to prepare a comprehensive programme for building roads in the country;

(c) whether State Governments have also been consulted; and

(d) if so, what are their views and to what extent the road buildings are to be undertaken during the first year of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the limited resources for the purpose and huge requirement of the ever increasing traffic, the Government of India intend to selectively involve the private sector for taking up certain types of schemes on National Highways. For this purpose suitable proposals were invited from the private Sector.

A few private parties have come forward with their proposals for financing the highway projects. They have, however, raised certain issues of concessions, loans and guarantees etc. which require examination in consultation with other Ministries. Road building under this scheme can be taken up only thereafter.

The State Governments have also been requested to take suitable steps for involving private Sector in financing State Roads.

Tightening of Security at the International Airports

1112. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the international airports in the country have been plcaed under the tight security and entry of visitors at all the airports was banned during the month of January 1986; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Security at international airports was tightened during January, 1986 and entry of visitors to all airports was banned, after receipt of information about the possibilities of renewed attempts at unlawful interference with civil aviation by extremists.

Supply of Sub-standard Medicines to the Government Hospital in Pondicherry

1113. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sub-standard medicines have been

supplied to Government hospitals in Pondicherry;

(b) if so, how many cases of adulteration, sub-standard medicines have been detected for the past three years in the Union Territory of Pondicherry from the pharmaceutical industries and chemists; and

(c) if so, how many cases have been filed and how many of them ended in conviction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Pondicherry and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Seniority list of ticket checking staff in the North Eastern Railway

1114. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the North Eastern Railway, a combined seniority list of the ticket checking staff (mobile and stationary staff) used to be prepared upto 1982;

(b) whether it is a fact that from the year 1983 separate seniority lists of mobile and stationary staff are maintained and as a result thereof a large number of senior persons who were on the verge of promotion to the next higher grade, have been adversely affected;

(c) whether Government propose to direct the North Eastern Railway to revert to the *status quo ante* as per established practice prevalent in other Railway zones; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The avenue chart of promotion (AVC) for Ticket Checking Staff in vogue on North Eastern Railway from 1972, as amended in 1974, envisaged separate cadres of Ticket Collectors and Travelling Ticket Examiners upto the grade of Rs. 425—640 (Rs). Promotions to grades Rs. 550—750 (RS) and RS. 700—900 (RS) were made on the basis of combined seniority of employees in both the streams.

(b) to (d) The avenue chart for Ticket Checking Staff was revised by North Eastern Railway with effect from 1-12-1984 in consultation with their recognised Unions in terms of which there will be a combined cadre at all levels but persons who have already been promoted to higher grades on the basis of their options in terms of earlier avenue chart will be allowed to progress in their respective lines upto grade Rs. 700—900. The question whether the revised avenue chart has adversely affected the chances of a large number of employees who were on the verge of promotion on the basis of combined seniority is under examination.

Wagon repair unit in Shoranur in Kerala

1115. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to instal a wagon repair unit in Shoranur in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to utilise the huge area of land now lying idle due to the closure of the loco shed in Shoranur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Consequent on closure of the Steam Loco Shed at Shoranur due